

# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION JUDGES' NEWSLETTER

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## ***Congratulations to Cats of the Finger Lakes & Westchester Feline Club!!!***

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We wish to thank Cats of the Finger Lakes & Westchester Feline Club for hosting our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual. The show was wonderful. With judges from around the world, the 12 ring show was well attended and ran smoothly, thanks to the hard working show committee! There were many beautiful cats to challenge our judges!

The Annual Awards ceremony was well-attended. It was an outstanding affair and many compliments were heard about the banquet and service at the hotel!

The Board Meeting ran smoothly. All Directors were present except Lisa Dickie. Ralph Stadter was appointed Interim Regional Director for Northern Europe to fill the term of Kurt Vlach. South America currently has no Director and was not represented. Anne Harvey, Associate Director for Australia and New Zealand was also present. Laurie Schiff and Frances Young, Legal Counsel, Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator, and Nancy Parkinson, Rules Chair were in attendance.

Congratulations to our beautiful International Award winners and their owners, to those who have been accepted or advanced in the Judging Program and those of you who received special Service Awards for your years of loyalty and dedication to the advancement of the aims of The International Cat Association.

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## ***Congratulations to TICA Judge of the Year, Yukimasa Hattori!***

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### **ADVANCEMENTS**

#### **School & Ring Instructor**

Adriana Kajan

#### **Allbreed Household Pet**

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#### **Provisional Allbreed**

Marylou Anderson

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Mariko Kikuchi

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Carlos Lopez

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### **SERVICE AWARDS**

#### **25 Years**

Marilyne Dombroskie

Lindajeane Grillo

Yukimasa Hattori

Pat Smith

Frances Yow

#### **20 Years**

Don Caruthers

Ellen Crockett

Steven Savant

#### **15 Years**

Paul Lahey

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#### **10 Years**

Linda Kay Ashley

Martine Caillard

Vicki Jo Harrison

Nozomu Yano

#### **5 Years**

Elektra Hammond

Debbie Lopeman

Sandi Mattingly

Melissa Parsley

Tomoko Tanaka

## BOARD ACTIONS

The Board of Directors approved the following:

### STANDING RULES

- 106.4 Standing Committees. The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, shall appoint persons knowledgeable in the fields specified to serve on the following standing committees, and such other committees that from time to time may be necessary and proper for the effective and efficient operation of the Association. *Each committee shall have budgets as needed which shall be provided annually with the approval of the Board of Directors.* Each committee shall have a chairperson, members as needed and a Board Member who works with the committee as a Liaison Director. *It is the duty of the Chairperson to formulate the committee goals, to communicate the policy of the committee to the committee members, to direct the work of the committee and to seek information and guidance from the Board through the Board Liaison, and information from the Executive Office as needed. It is also the duty of the Chairperson to provide progress reports of the committee to the Board annually. The duties of the Board Liaison shall be to serve as a channel of communication between the Committee and the Board, to provide encouragement and incentive for activity of the committee and to be available for consulting and mentoring as needed or requested by the Committee Chairperson.* Board members may not be included in the committees other than as a liaison to the committees. These standing committees shall be as follows:
- Replace Standing Rules 202.2, 202.2.2 and 202.2.2.2 with the following:

202.2 Maximum number of times any single cat may be judged on any show weekend is as follows:

202.2.1 One Day Alternative Format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five in the afternoon for a weekend maximum total of ten rings, including Congresses. A one day alternative format show may not be combined with any other format.

202.2.2 Two Day Alternative Format shows may have four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon for a daily total of eight rings and a weekend total of sixteen rings, including Congresses. Two day alternative format shows may not be combined with any other format.

202.2.2.1 In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted.

202.2.3 At Back to Back Shows or Split Format (2-Day) Shows any single cat may be judged no more than eight times per day, including any Congresses. The maximum number of times a cat may be judged in a show weekend is

twenty.

**Examples** of allowable ring combinations are:

1. Four rings on Friday with eight on Saturday and eight on Sunday – Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.
2. Six rings on Friday with seven on Saturday and seven on Sunday – Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.
3. Eight rings on Saturday and eight on Sunday – Each day has the maximum of eight times so the total for the weekend can only be sixteen.
4. Four rings on Friday, seven rings on Saturday plus a Senior Congress and a Junior Congress, and seven rings on Sunday plus a Male Congress and a Female Congress. The congresses are on different days and any single cat will only be in one congress per day thus will only be judged a maximum of eight times per day and twenty times that weekend.

202.2.4 Shows in non-isolated areas that have been advertised as back-to-back, two day or split format, may not change to Alternative Format.

202.3 The maximum number of times a judge may judge any single cat on a show weekend is as follows:

- two times in one day
- three times in two days
- four times in three days

● Add the following:

- 2014.1.1.5 Household Pet Allbreed - \$0.75
- 2014.1.1.6 Household Pet Specialty - \$0.50

## JUDGING PROGRAM

**Effective Immediately - complete rewrite:**

### Article Three- Training Program

43.1 The applicant may begin ring training when the following requirements have been met:

43.1.1 All requirements set forth by the Board of Directors and the Judging Administrator/Designee.

43.1.2 Paid a \$15 processing fee to the Executive Office.

43.1.3 Received permission from the Judging Administrator/ Designee to proceed with ring training.

43.2 (43.6) Trainee Responsibilities. A 15 months training period is required before a trainee can apply for a Probationary Specialty License. The trainee must be actively involved in writing breed critiques, attending schools, conferences and seminars, ring training, solo training, and sending the required monthly reports to the Trainee Coordinator outlining all activity for each month.

43.2.1 During the training period the trainee must attend

one of each of the following:

- TICA Judging School
- TICA Judges Conference
- TICA Breed Seminar
- TICA Genetics Seminar

43.2.2 During the training period, the trainee may:

- Show a cat only through the use of an agent until all training sessions for the weekend are complete
- Write breed critiques and breed comparisons in the benching area of the show hall, NOT in proximity to the judging rings
- Be in the show hall prior to training or doing solos, but may not be in proximity to the judging rings EXCEPT during the training/solo sessions
- Have NO access to the show catalog until all training is complete for the weekend.
- Send the Judging Administrator/Designee a statement commenting on the type and quality of training received from any instructor.

43.3 Training. The trainee must obtain written permission from both the club hosting the show and the training judge. The trainee must complete a Permission to Train Form for each show at which s/he wishes to train. This form will indicate the type of training agreed upon. Permission to Train Forms must be signed by all parties prior to the day(s) of training. Copies must be sent to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the trainee's Allbreed sponsor at the trainee's expense.

43.3.1 Training will consist of:

- a minimum of 40 ring training sessions
- a minimum of four solo judging sessions.  
Solo judging cannot be started until all ring training sessions have been completed.

43.3.2 Ring Training.

43.3.2.1 Ring training consists of handling a minimum of 40 kittens, cats, alters, household pets or new breeds. The selection of the cats for training is at the training judge's discretion. Training may consist of handling full classes (such as championship cats, etc.) or handling full breeds or breed groups (such as the Persian Breed Group or Maine Coon kittens, cats and alters, etc.). The trainee is expected to handle his or her own cat(s) during the training session without calling attention to the ownership of the cat. The trainee is expected to remain in the judging ring until dismissed by the instructor.

43.3.2.2 There may be no more than two training sessions per show weekend. A "show weekend" is defined as a 1-day, 2-day or 3-day show. Only one training session is permitted per day.

43.3.2.3 The trainee may train with any Approved Allbreed Judge. At least ten of these judges must be Licensed Ring Instructors.

43.3.2.4 North American trainees shall train in a minimum of six North American Regions. It is strongly suggested that **ALL** trainees train Internationally at least

once.

43.3.3 Solo Training.

43.3.3.1 Solo judging consists of handling no fewer than 20 entries (or of handling the entire class if fewer than 20 cats are present.) as directed by the instructor, marking the judge's book correctly, hanging ribbons and presenting final awards. Trainees must furnish their own rosettes for their solo finals.

43.3.3.2 A solo training session may not be done on the same day as a ring training session. Solo judging may take place before the show begins, during the show or after the completion of the show, under the direction of the instructor.

43.3.3.3 At least two of the four solo training sessions must be done outside the region of residence or beyond 500 miles from the trainee's residence.

43.3.3.4 At least three of the solo judging sessions must be with Licensed Ring Instructors.

43.4 The Training Sessions. These are **minimal guidelines**. The instructor should at all times evaluate the level of experience and development of the trainee and plan training accordingly.

43.4.1 Sessions 1 -5.

- Removing cats from and returning to the judging cages
- Learning to handle different body types
- Developing a routine for judging each cat no matter what breed
- Developing confidence
- Practicing basic mechanics
- Learning how to bend properly
- Learning when and how to use teasers
- Assessing cat "body language"

43.4.2 Sessions 6 - 10.

- Developing a routine for checking for "faults"
- Learning to keep track of large classes
- Developing a method of keeping track of "final worthy" cats
- Finding the essence of each cat
- Marking a judge's book
- Completing Breed Comparison reports
- Selecting cats for finals

43.4.3 Sessions 11 - 20.

- Learning to manage time in a large show
- Learning to manage time in a small show
- Learning to make a structural assessment of the cat
- Signing judge's book and giving goldenrod copy to clerk
- Applying skills - hanging judge's flats, marking book, cleaning table, etc.
- Comparing features within a breed and between breeds
- Applying knowledge and principles of genetics to the cats

43.4.4 Sessions 21 - 35.

- Developing showmanship
- Presenting finals
- Dealing with mediocrity in a class
- Seeing the whole cat

#### 43.4.5 Sessions 36 - 40.

- Refining the art of judging
- Making own decisions and sharing with exhibitors

#### 43.4.6 Solo Sessions

- Making independent decisions
- Dealing with the clerk
- Staying focused
- Loving what s/he's doing!

#### 43.5 Written Requirements.

43.5.1 The trainee must submit 50 written critiques based on the breed standard for a minimum of 75% of the breeds recognized for championship. Critiques are to be sent to the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor and to the Judging Administrator/Designee.

43.5.2 The trainee must write Breed Comparison Reports as assigned by the training judge. These reports are to be given to the training judge for review, signed and returned to the trainee, who will send to the appropriate persons. A minimum of fifteen (15) Breed Comparison Reports are required.

43.5.3 The trainee must make a set of judge's books if not furnished by the club. These books must be made from another judge's book, NOT from a show catalog.

#### 43.6 Clerical Requirements.

43.6.1 The trainee must provide the instructor with a stamped self-addressed envelope. It is the responsibility of the instructor to complete the evaluation and mail copies to the trainee NO LATER THAN seven (7) days after the close of the show. It is then the responsibility of the trainee to send copies of the evaluations to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor.

43.6.2 The trainee is responsible for sending trainee/solo evaluations, breed critiques, and breed comparisons to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor on a monthly basis with the Monthly Report.

43/6/3 The trainee is responsible for sending the Quarterly Report to the Judging Administrator and the Regional Director at the end of March, June, September and December,

#### 43.7 Other Requirements.

43.7.1 Any time during the training period, the Judging Administrator/Designee may make recommendations for, or require, additional training in particular breeds and/or colors. The trainee must submit proof of any additional required training to the Judging Administrator/Designee and the trainee's Allbreed sponsor.

**NOTE: A complete rewrite of Article TWO of the Judging Program is currently under discussion by the Board. It will be reviewed at the Semi-Annual and become effective on May 1, 2005.**

### MEMBERSHIP BALLOT

There are many proposals on the October Membership Ballot to amend the Show Rules, By-Laws and Registration Rules that are too numerous (or too lengthy) to preview here. All items passed by the membership concerning judging will be

addressed in the next issue of the Newsletter.

**!! Please remember to Vote !!**

### REMINDERS

**Membership Dues and License Fees:** All Judges' and Trainees' Membership dues for the 2005-2006 show year must be **received** by the Executive Office by **October 30, 2005**, unless you are a Life Member. Unless you are a DJ, your **license renewal fee** must be rec'd by **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Any ACTIVE Judge Emeritus must be current by **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Failure to meet these requirements may result in a \$25 fine. Judges failing to pay fines or having missing requirements will be relicensed pending payment of fees and completion of missing requirements. If fees are not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>, an additional late fee of \$25 will be assessed by the EO.

**NOTICES OF INTENT:** If your application was not considered at a Board meeting, you must notify the Judging Administrator if you wish to continue to have your name listed in the TREND.

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### JUDGES' INSURANCE COMPANY

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*It is strongly suggested that all judges carry our judges' insurance information (above) in your wallet and/or the enclosed Claim Form in your briefcase at all times.*

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We need at least one School per year in each Region. Breed groups are encouraged to hold Seminars a least every three years. Please notify me of any Schools, Seminars or Judges' Conferences you may be moderating or that are in your Region so that I may post them here and in the TREND.

### JUDGING SCHOOLS & SEMINARS

**Saturday, October 22** - Florida Sun Cats, Green Cove, FL Judging School. Moderated by Beth Hicks. Show hotel immediately after the show. \$20 fee includes pizza.

**Friday, November 11** - Breed Seminars (MC & BG) and a Judging School. Hotel Campanile - Dammarie les Lys. (Close Melun 77) Fee 15 Euro including drinks. Info: Genevieve Basquine [gajeur@club-internet.fr](mailto:gajeur@club-internet.fr)

### 2006

**March 23** - GLACE Kalamazoo MI. Genetics Seminar. Dr. John Fyfe Genetic Diseases in Cats & Geneticists' Recommendations. Will include SMA in Maine Coons

**April 7** - Garden City CC. Sidney, BC. Clerking School Elaine Weitz and Poppy Schofield 7 - 10PM. Info: Elaine Weitz [elaine@smokeycoons.com](mailto:elaine@smokeycoons.com)

**June 10** - GLACE Dayton OH Judging School Marilynne Dombroskie. Info: Susan Lee [coonscross@aol.com](mailto:coonscross@aol.com)

Proposal to Revise the Categories and Divisions for Uniformity of Showing ALL Cats -  
Championship Breeds and Household Pets  
To become effective May 1, 2007  
(or whenever the EO deems it possible)

This proposal was reviewed by Larry Hart on June 5, 2005. It can be ready to implement no later than the above effective date.

<b><u>TRADITIONAL</u></b>	<b>SEPIA</b>	<b>MINK</b>	<b>POINTED</b>
Traditional Solid	Sepia Solid	Mink Solid	Solid Point
Traditional Tortie	Sepia Tortie	Mink Tortie	Tortie Point
Traditional Tabby	Sepia Tabby	Mink Tabby	Lynx (Tabby) Point
Traditional Silver/Smoke	Sepia Silver/Smoke	Mink Silver/Smoke	Silver/Smoke Point
Traditional Solid & White	Sepia Solid & White	Mink Solid & White	Solid Point & White
Traditional Tortie & White	Sepia Tortie & White	Mink Tortie & White	Tortie Point & White
Traditional Tabby & White	Sepia Tabby & White	Mink Tabby & White	Lynx (Tabby) Point & White
Traditional Silver/ Smoke & White	Sepia Silver/Smoke & White	Mink Silver/Smoke & White	Silver/Smoke Point & White

The above table reflects an attempt to revise the categories and divisions so that both championship breeds and household pets compete in the same categories and divisions.

By breaking the particolor division into separate divisions based upon the pigmented/patterned areas, we would keep the best of the current household pet divisions and would offer championship breeds additional divisions for cats expressing the piebald gene.

By classifying household pets as traditional, sepia, mink and pointed, household pets gain additional divisions for showing. Under the current system, household pets that are sepia or mink are all shown in a single division with traditional colors.

There would no longer be the differences in the divisions that silver tabbies are shown in. ALL silver tabbies, whether championship breeds or household pets, would be shown in the silver/smoke division. This would eliminate a great deal of confusion for both exhibitors and judges.

The net result of this revision is that there would be 32 competitive divisions for ALL cats. Currently, there are 10 competitive divisions for household pets and 20 competitive divisions for championship breeds.

NOTE: Implementation of this proposal will ultimately require changes to Show Rules, Standing Rules, and the Uniform Color Description.